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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SADAT TO SEEK ENLARGED GENEVA CONFERENCE

AND CLEAR STATEMENT OF U.S. POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST

1. IN INTERVIEW ON AUSTRIAN STATE RADIO MAY 26, EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT SADAT ADVOCATED EXPANSION OF PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA
CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST AND SAID HE WOULD ASK PRESIDENT FORD
FOR CLEAR STATEMENT OF U.S. POSITION WITH RESPECT TO FINAL
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ISRAELI BORDERS.

2. SADAT SAID "IT IS TIME THAT EUROPE DOES ITS SHARE AND LIVES UP TO ITS RESPONSIBILITY" IN HELPING TO FIND SOLUTION IN MIDDLE EAST, AND HE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY ADVOCATED "THAT PERSONAGES SUCH AS CHANCELLOR KREISKY, IF POSSIBLE, PARTICIPATE IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE." HE SAID THERE COULD BE "A POLARIZATION OF THE TWO SUPER POWERS" UNLESS CONFERENCE IS ENLARGED.

3. SADAT SAID THAT, IN WAKE OF U.S. RE-ASSESSMENT OF ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY, HE LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING ENTIRE MID EAST PROBLEM WITH PRESIDENT FORD BUT WOULD ALSO ASK: "DOES U.S. PROTECT ISRAEL WITHIN ITS BORDERS, OR DOES IT ALSO PROTECT ISRAEL'S CONQUESTS?" HE SAID U.S. SHOULD "ADOPT A VERY RESOLUTE POSITION AFTER THE RE-ASSESSMENT" AND "DEMONSTRATE WHERE AMERICA STANDS."

4. ALTHOUGH SADAT SAID LATER IN INTERVIEW THAT HE COULD SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO FIFTH WAR IF GENEVA CONFERENCE FAILED, HE HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT EGYPT COULD ACCEPT NEW KISSINGER MISSION IF IT WERE PROPOSED "IN CONTEXT OF A REVISED AMERICAN DEFINITION OF PEACE." EGYPT WOULD DEMAND, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. "CONSENT TO A SETTLEMENT, OPENLY AND BEFORE THE WHOLE WORLD."

5. TEXT OF SADAT'S REMARKS IS CONTAINED IN FBIS VIENNA AU261549Y AND AU261559Y.

6. KREISKY HAS TOLD PRESS HE COULD EXPRESS NO OPINION NOW ABOUT SADAT'S INVITATION AUSTRIAN PRESS HAS INTERPRETED INVITATION AS EGYPTIAN EFFORT TO BREAK OUT OF EXCLUSIVE EMBRACE OF SUPER POWERS BY INCLUDING EUROPEANS WHO ARE MORE "NEUTRAL" AND, AS CHANCELLOR KREISKY, HAVE SHOWN SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING FOR PROBLEMS OF PALESTINIANS WHILE STILL MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.
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